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SUBJECT: ACTIVISTS BELIEVE POLICE BRUTALITY CONTINUES  
UNABATED; GOE CLAIMS OTHERWISE

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Classified By: Economic-Political Minister-Counselor Donald A. Blome for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. KEY POINTS -- (C) Human rights lawyers believe police brutality continues to be a pervasive, daily occurrence in prisons, police stations and 2.(C) Comment: The NGOs' assessments are credible, but largely impressionistic, based on lawyers' contact with victims and review of brutality 3.(C) Human rights lawyers believe police brutality continues unabated, or is increasing. Attorneys from XXXXXXXXXXXX, which specializes in brus 4.(C) Contacts speculated that police brutality incidents decreased slightly in 2007 due to the sentencing that year of two police officers to 5.(C) Human rights lawyer XXXXXXXXXXXX told us that the MOI's strategy stems from its belief that officers need to rely on brutality to extract 6.(C) According to XXXXXXXXXXXX, the police threaten their victims with increased detention to dissuade them from filing cases. Many victims, X 7.(C) Lawyers from XXXXXXXXXXXX told us that police offices in smaller cities or villages believe they have more power and less accountability, 8.(C) GOE officials tell us that police brutality is unusual, and is committed by a small number of young officers who are immediately punished 9.(C) GOE supporters also promote this position. Ambassador Ahmed Haggag, detailed from the MFA to direct the UN Development Program's (UNDP) h 10.(C) Contacts have suggested to us several ways the GOE could combat police brutality. They believe the MOI needs to reduce pressure on offic